



Council

**Emily Carr School Council Meeting Minutes (Google Meet)
November 17th @ 6:30 pm**

Present: Keri Coulson, Karen Green, Jennifer Neill, Nora Kennedy, Tanya Monteiro, Lisa Lovric, Derek Black, Aline Vesely, Amy Goodfellow, Betsy Schagerl, Derek Black, Gerrian MacKinnon, Leslie Wittenberg, Nina Ryan, Stephanie Ettinger

Regrets: Jessica Hearty, Jessica Faure, David Manias

- 1. Welcome/Call to Order – Tanya / Nora**
 - a. Opened at 6:30
- 2. Chairs' remarks**
- 3. Approval of Agenda – Tanya**
 - a. Motion to approve – Tanya / Seconded - Stephanie
- 4. Approval of Minutes October 21, 2020 - Lisa**
 - a. To be circulated with tonight's minutes and approved at next meeting
- 5. Treasurer's Report - Derek**
 - a. No money expended since last report
 - b. This year we are supporting: Forest of Reading / Get Real presentation / Incoming Grade 6's / Outgoing Grade 8 Ceremonies
 - c. \$2775 to be spent / approx. \$9100 left at end of year if no other money expended
 - d. Motion to accept report – Nora / Seconded - Karen
- 6. Principal's report**
 - a. See full report below minutes
 - b. Report Cards available Nov 20th on the Parent Portal
 - c. Virtual Interviews on Nov 26th from 4:30 – 7:00
 - d. Equipment can be used by classes again. Items are used by one class and then sanitized

- e. Winter outerwear – Each student will have a hook either in locker bay or by classroom. Backpacks will still come into classroom. Looking at how to use gym once outdoor gym / DPA time is no longer viable
- f. 'Get Real' presentations are being booked. Keri will share link to a meaningful monologue from a black student in Markham

7. Teacher's Report – Jennifer

- a. Terry Fox Walk on Friday – 40th anniversary so each class walked 40 minutes. Raised \$845
- b. Thank you from Miss Paula, Librarian for the Forest of Reading books purchased by the Council. Resources available from on-line library. Some books are available for families who need books.
- c. Grade 6 class is working on an indigenous land acknowledgement document

8. OCASC update

- a. OCASC meeting is this Thursday so nothing to pass on. Still determining if the \$35 fee is required

9. Discussion

a. Budget

- i. Nothing to add from items mentioned in Treasurer's Report.
- ii. Had added "Get Real" presentation back in after email approval
- iii. No requests at this time from Keri
- iv. Nora/Tanya will draft a note for teachers to thank them for their work and ask them if there are any items that they would need. Jennifer mentioned 'Scientists in the Schools' and will check with the other teachers

b. Fundraising

- i. Tanya mentioned that Aline has come up with some ideas for fundraising on-line: Virtual events, Poppa Jacks, St. Alberts' Cheese, Auction. Tanya brought forward the option of a "donation" option rather than specific fundraising ("Forget My Face" donation or donate button). Nora suggested having a specific cause rather than a generic 'support the school' and wait till January at least to re-visit. Betsy noted that \$9100 is a large reserve and we should spend some of that first before asking for more.

- ii. Betsy suggested that Emily Carr masks might be a good idea for each student or spending money on skipping ropes / hacky sacks for each student. Nora noted that getting masks that everyone likes could be more complex (fit / design / thickness). Karen suggested personalized water bottles for each student that could be left at school during the week.
- iii. We will re-visit these and other fund-raising ideas in January meeting

c. Bank signing authority

- i. Former Council members have authority to sign cheques. Need to change. Will add Lisa and Tanya to signing authority and will have meeting at / with TD Bank.

10. Approval of Monies

- a. Nil

11. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting January 20th (Wednesday) at 6:30
- b. Motion to adjourn – Derek / Seconded – Karen. Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Emily Carr Middle School Council

Principal's Report

November 2020

Welcome to our November School Council meeting! It always seems that once Remembrance Day passes us, our thoughts turn to the winter holidays. It seems that Mother Nature agrees given the colder temperatures and precipitation this week.

It is wonderful to have Jennifer Neill with us tonight. She will be providing a teachers' report and so I will focus more on "office" related information.

As you know, Progress Reports will be available as of November 20th via the Parent Report Card Portal. This is found in the Parent portal of the district's website. I do encourage you to set up your account if you have not already done so. There is a chat feature right in the portal if you have any trouble. If you set up your account in June, you do not need to do anything further.

Virtual Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday November 26th from 4:30 – 7:00 (2.5 hours). Each interview will be approximately 13 minutes so that transition time is built in. Staff will not be able to meet with all families given the shortened timeframe for interviews this year. Teachers will be reaching out directly to families that they really wish to meet with. If you do not hear from your child's teacher though, please know that you are always welcome to contact them for information. The district has purchased an electronic scheduling system for schools to use. Karen has been busy setting everything up in the system and our plan is to send it out this Friday so that family may book the appointment.

The district continues to work closely with Ottawa Public Health on a variety of issues that affect schools and student learning. Recently, we were given the green light to carefully introduce equipment into Physical Education classes and DPA. At ECMS, every class has been assigned a bag of equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, etc.). The equipment is kept in the gym and sanitized after every use by staff. The equipment will be rotated after a few weeks. With the winter weather quickly approaching, we have developed a system for the storage of outerwear during the instructional day. Each student has been assigned a hook attached to a locker or on a wall near their classroom for the hanging of winter coats and snow pants. School bags will remain in the class with the student. We will also be looking to develop a plan to safely access the gym for Phys. Ed. for when conditions outside do not permit instruction to occur.

A sincere thank you to School Council members for your support of the Get REAL presentations. The first presentation about inclusivity is booked for November 25th. On December 15 the Get Real presentation on anti-racism will occur. Thank you! As a school, we have entered into professional dialogue, reflection and learning on this very important topic. At our staff meeting on Tuesday, we listened to a heart-felt monologue given by a black youth living in Markham Ontario. For me, it is one of the most profound recordings I have ever listened to on this topic. Here is the link if you are interested in viewing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=zvoquiY-Qmo>

Thank you!
Keri

EMILY CARR SCHOOL COUNCIL
Budget 2020 - 2021 17 November 2020

	Budget	To Date	Actual
	(plan)	(active)	(final)
<u>REVENUE</u>			
<u>Primary Fundraising</u>			
Pizza Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parent Involvement Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Misc Fundraising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SubTotal Fundraising	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Carryover from 2019/20	\$13,494.95	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$13,994.95	\$ -	\$ -
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
<u>SCHOOL SUPPORT</u>			
Forest of Reading Books	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Get Real Presentation (Anti-racism / inclusivity)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grade 6 (Incoming) Orientation	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grade 8 School Leaving Ceremony	\$ 900.00	\$ -	\$ -
SubTotal School Support	\$ 2,775.00	\$ -	\$ -
<u>SCHOOL COUNCIL</u>			
OCASC Membership	\$ 35.00	\$ -	\$ -
ECSC Operating Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -
NSF Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ 27.00	\$ -	\$ -
SubTotal School Council Expenses	\$ 112.00	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,887.00	\$ -	\$ -
Less Reserve Holdings	-\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Plus Cash Float	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Less Committed Funds (2020/21)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$ 9,107.95	\$ -	\$ -